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May 2, 2006

The Honorable Ken Bennett
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Senate Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1075: arbitration agreements; validity

Dear President Bennett:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1075, which would have repealed A.R.S. § 12-1517 and made arbitration agreements between employers and employees subject to Article 1, Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

The exemption in current law for such arbitration agreements has served Arizona and its work force well. The inclusion of arbitration agreements in employment contracts – typically as non-negotiable boilerplate provisions – unduly deprives employees of access to our courts to resolve legitimate employment disputes. Arizona's employees have only limited protections under Arizona law, and this legislature's recent efforts to further narrow workers' rights are without justification and not in the best overall interest of the state.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1075.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:TN/jm

cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable John Huppenthal

Passed the House April 13, 20 06

by the following vote: 35 Ayes,

23 Nays, 2 Not Voting

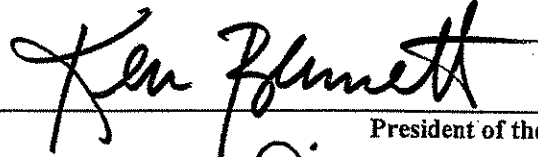

Speaker of the House

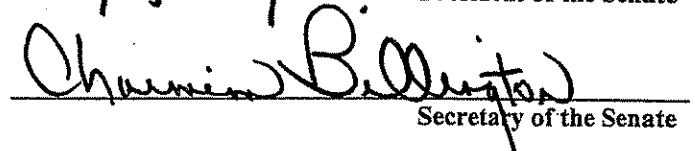

Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 16, 20 06

by the following vote: 17 Ayes,

10 Nays, 3 Not Voting


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 26, 2006

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

9 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Klu Blumett
President of the Senate

Charmine Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

26th day of April, 2006

at 3:10 o'clock P. M.

Vernida Ybarra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

at **VETO** o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 2 day of May, 2006

at 4:58 o'clock P. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

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